

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -  
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules  
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202  
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,  
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,  
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

To: The Secretary, FCC Commissioners, and Chief, Media Bureau

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. In its goals to promote competition, diversity and localism in today's media market, I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of already huge companies in the broadcast industry.

I live in Los Angeles where two TV stations KCAL and KCBS have already merged, sharing staff, the same news director. Removing the current FCC rules will drastically

reduce the diversity of news and opinion we need as citizens of

the United States to exercise our political will. The voice of the top five multi-conglomerates

that already control most of the commercial media will tighten, and

most likely reduced to two or three through mergers. Powerful companies

already control what we hear and see -- KABC in Los Angeles is owned

by Disney. We are inundated with PR reports from Disneyland and

Disney entertainment reports. How can an independent voice find its way

to the airwaves with so much control about what we see and what

we don't. The Fourth Estate is what keeps us a vibrant democracy.

Please do not loosen the rules to let more media consolidation.

As Thomas Jefferson wrote: "If a nation expects to be ignorant and

free, it expects what never was and never will be...The People cannot

be safe without information. When the press is free, and every man is able

to read, all is safe."

Sincerely yours,

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